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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Harvest season has started. I fetched in a pair of radishes from my garden. Spent most of Saturday discouraging honeysuckle, then decided my best chance for garden fresh vegetables this summer was to drive around and see which of my friends had good gardens. At one place was impressed with a great idea. . .a father had two garden areas, one for his plantings and a separate garden for his son. The son was especially proud of his strawberry plants. The father countered by showing small tomatoes. The day lily is next on the list of availables for show. I cut a novelty daisy variety that measured forty-one inches. Gee.

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Thanks to Mrs. Harris, Gladstone, for a nice comment about this column, and to Mrs. Margaret Garber, of Rt. 727 for a call about an old coin she has. Dated 1801. The Garbers moved here from Chambersburg, Pa., which is down the road from Gettysburg. Welcome. The coin is a half-penny.

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Graduation memories are still with us; summer jobs next on the agenda. As class historian in 1926, I wrote. . ." we place four happy years of academic sojourn in the golden frame of memories and lift our faces to whatever destiny has in store." Happy landing, class of '78.

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Bob Jamerson called to remind that the Town of Appomattox has had ten Mayors. The late Dr. Chas. F. James had non-consecutive terms, so could be counted twice, like Grover Cleveland as President. Our other Mayors had consecutive terms, if more than one.

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Memo: Wednesday is Flag Day. Lots of towns will have special ceremonies, maybe a parade. Say, how about our neighboring Nelson County High School Band being invited to parade and perform for Mardi Gras in New Orleans in February. Supporters have started a drive to raise the necessary expense money.

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Neat. . .on Route One, saw a mail box attractively painted with pictures of birds.

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Overheard in a food store, a customer asking how many hamburgers do you get from a pound of meat. The smart answer was that it depended upon how big you made them, but on an average, six.

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The Pamplin Ruritan Club is setting a fine record for community service, especially in the field of recreation facilities. A salute to Bros. Horace Coleman, J. A. Williams and all others involved. Early this morning I saw two local teenage boys en route to a playground, carrying a basketball. We are a recreation and sports minded nation.

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Came across an old newspaper clipping which recalled one of the top thrills I ever had, going to the National Press Club in Washington to receive a top award from the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters for radio commentary. That was in 1952.

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Biggest problem I have as a writer. . .typewriter ribbons. But it is nice to have something to hang one's troubles on.

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Free advice. . .graduates, frame your diplomas and proudly display it in a featured place on the wall.

Father's Day is next, and hurrah for Dads.

Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Council Approves Change in Zoning on Court Street

Members of the Appomattox Town Council, meeting Monday night, approved an unofficial recommendation from the Appomattox Planning Commission to change a portion of Court Street now zoned R-1 to R-2.

The West side of Court Street from Virginia Avenue to 200-feet North of Ferguson Street will be zoned R-2 rather than the R-1 status.

In approving the recomendation to change the classification of Court Street zoning, council also defined "professional" in terms of R-2 zoning. The definition will be included in the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Appomattox.

Miss Kirk Showalter of the Central Virginia Planning District Commission appeared before council to ask for approval of the 1979 Central Virginia Comprehensive Criminal Justice Plan.

Council felt that this had been very beneficial to the area and unanimously approved the Criminal Justice Plan for 1979.

Miss Patsy Butler and Vernell Mitchell, representing the Appomattox Recreation Committee on Outdoor Recreation, asked the town's sponsorship to allow the committee to look into the possibility of acquiring land and so forth for future development of an Outdoor Recreation facility.

Mrs. Peggy Lawson is Chairman of the Appomattox Recreation Committee and Miss Patsy Butler is Secretary. Other members are to include Vernell Mitchell, "Plicky" Williams, Jerry Robinson, T. E. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hudson, Jack Layne, Dicky Smith, John Thomas Paulette, Tommy Lawson, Sammy Carter, Jimmy Mayberry and Stuart Justus.

If plans are developed on Outdoor Recreation for Appomattox, the Committee plans to get 50% funding from Federal government, 25% from the County of Appomattox and 25% from the Town of Appomattox.

Council only approved the sponsorship, allowing the committee to look further into the matter if proposed committee members agree to serve and if county approves.

In other business, council granted a request from Flippo's and Company for a 30 day extension of time in completing work on water tank from June 14 through July 14. Council also approved payment seven to Flippo's in the amount of $4,472.92.

Council also gave permission to request an extension from the State Water Control Board for the 1977 Clean Water Act and permission to notify the public as required by the act.

On low bid, J. E. Jamerson and Sons, Inc. was awarded contract to construct the addition to the Fire Station. The Jamerson bid was for $25,200.00 in 180 days as opposed to a bid from J. E. Sears and Company, Inc. of $34,987.00 in 140 days.

Council also approved the construction of the second floor on this building at the same time at a cost not to exceed $15,000 for the "shell" type second floor. The county will pay $5,000 of the cost and the Town of Appomattox will pay $10,000.

STANDARD FIRST AID CLASS TO BE OFFERED

A Red Cross Standard First Aid Class will be taught at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad building, beginning June 28 at 7 p.m. Classes will be held each Wednesday night for seven weeks. A CPR Course will be included in this class.

Enroll by calling Ray Noble at the Travelers Inn Motel, instructor for the class.

MRS. TILTON LEE is shown standing in front of one of the many quilts on display in the "Patchwork Festival" exhibit June 10 and 11, 1978.

Mrs. Lee collected more in donations on the "Log Cabin" design quilt made by the Extension Homemakers than any other homemaker, making her club, Wreck Island, first place winner in the contest.

WINNER OF QUILT - Mrs. Shirley Dillard of Route 2, Appomattox, (second from left), beams with delight over the quilt she won when her name was drawn from all those making donations to the "Log Cabin" quilt made by Appomattox County Extension Homemakers, and displayed at the "Patchwork Festival" June 10 - 11, 1978.

Others in picture are, left to right, Ethel Evans, County Chairman; Reba Bruce and Louise Plunkett, Co-Chairman of the "Patchwork Festival."

Patchwork Festival Quite Successful

On June 10 - 11, 1978, more than 400 persons were privileged to view the outstanding exhibit of Patchwork articles in the Appomattox County High School Cafeteria. Out of town visitors to the exhibit included those from Concord, Lynchburg, Madison Heights, Danville and Brookneal.

In their annual Quilt Show, the Extension Homemakers of Appomattox County exhibited quilts, afghans, a Christmas tree decorated with patchwork articles, patchwork gifts, wearing apparel, kitchen and bathroom ideas.

An outstanding feature of the show was a quilt exhibit submitted by craftspeople throughout the Appalachian region. This was on loan from the "Best of Appalachian Craft Series."

The Homemakers Council would like to thank everyone who helped make the "Patchwork Festival" successful. We especially thank the Times Virginian, WTTX Radio Station, WFLO Radio Station, and The Lynchburg News for their help in advertising the exhibit. Also the merchants and other organizations and each individual who made a donation to the quilt which the Homemakers made. There was $912.00 collected on the quilt.

Katie Martin, Reporter

ACHS TO OFFER SUMMER SCHOOL CLASSES

Summer school classes in English and Social Studies will be offered at Appomattox County High School June 14 through July 28. Hours for classes will be 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students may enroll for one new class, one repeat class, or two repeat classes. The cost is $60.00 for new classes and $35.00 for repeat classes with textbook rental set at $3.50 per subject.

Students should use this opportunity to repeat required courses which will be offered. A class may be taken as a new subject for enrichment, however, it cannot be used for acceleration.

4-H Summer Sewing Class Correction

Appomattox 4-H Summer Sewing Classes will be held at the Appomattox Elementary School (not Appomattox Middle School as had been announced) and at Pamplin Elementary School.

Registration will be held on Tuesday, June 20, at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office and on Friday, June 23, at 9 a.m. at Pamplin Elementary School. If you wish to register, please attend these sessions.

Schedule for classes is as follows: Appomattox - June 27, July 5, 11, 18, 25, and August 1, 15, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.; Pamplin - June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4 and 18 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Supervisors Set Tax Rate

Farmers Get Good, Bad News

At Friday's meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, county farmers received some good news and some bad news.

The good news is that they will not be taxed this year on their livestock, feeds, machinery and equipment.

The bad news is that many of them will face higher real estate taxes under the 63-cent rate adopted by the supervisors.

Following a public meeting held last Thursday night, attended by about a dozen persons, regarding the proposed tax rate, the board Friday unanimously adopted an ordinance exempting the farm animals, feeds and equipment from the $3.50 per $100 on the value of personal property. This exemption covers all livestock, "grains and other feeds used for the nuture of farm animals" and all farm machinery and implements.

Localities were given the options of granting a tax exemption on farm equipment and livestock under a constitutional amendment approved by state voters in 1976.

Appomattox Supervisors also are considering a real estate tax exemption for low income elderly persons, but it cannot be implemented this year.

Bad news for many county landowners, including farmers, comes in the 63-cent per $100 tax rate approved to finance the proposed $4.5 million 1978-79 budget.

Because of higher values placed on more than half the county real estate during the county's recent reassessment, the new tax rate will mean higher tax bills for these residents.

About one third of the property owners in the county will have lower bills because of the reassessment, the board said.

Total revenues from all local taxes, including about $3 million worth of new construction in the county, increased from $1.75 million last year to an estimated $1.3 million this year.

Last year's real estate was $3.50 per $100 based on 30 percent of appraised value.

State law mandates taxation on 100 percent of value following reassessment.

The supervisors kept the $3.50 rate for tax on personal property and $1 per $100 on merchants capital.

According to a representative from the Virginia Department of Highways Appomattox Office, the county's $14,118 allocation for secondary road construction next year is $77,000 less than had been anticipated, forcing postponement of plans to build two projects. The projects to be postponed include a new bridge on Route 611 and to improve Route 632.

County Book Project Well Under Way

The book committee of the Appomattox County Historical Society is well under way in doing research pursuant to the publication of a book on the history of Appomattox County. Several areas of research have been defined and chairmen selected for each area. These are: History of Appomattox County prior to 1845, Dr. Mervyn Williamson; Church Histories, Annie M. Hancock; Business Histories, Frances H. Paulette; History of the School System, Nola Burkey; Civic Organizations, Hazel Lee Martin; Historical Sights, Ronald M. Wilson; Genealogy, Ruby W. Hamilton; Political History, Douglas M. Webb; Military History, Ronald M. Wilson. The General Chairman and Coordinator of the book project is Mrs. J. Robert Jamerson.

A great amount of time must be spent in researching a book of this type and you as a citizen of Appomattox County may take an active part. The Appomattox County Historical Society is soliciting any historical or genealogical information which the people of Appomattox County may wish to share. A history of the county is no

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Open House at Appo-Buckingham State Forestry Center June 18

Open House at the Forestry Headquarters of the Appomattox - Buckingham State Forest will be held on Sunday, June 18, to commemorate Governor Dalton's proclaimed Natural Heritage Day. The Headquarters is located on Route 636, one mile east of the intersection of Routes 24 and 636.

The first 200 families to visit the Forestry Center will be given forest tree seedlings to plant in recognition of Natural Heritage Day.

"Since June 18th is also Father's Day, why not bring Dad to the State Forest and show him how pine trees are peeled and treated to make fence posts. There will be many other exciting and interesting pieces of Forestry equipment on display plus profesisonals available to explain the State Forest operation and the services available from your Virginia Division of Forestry", said Ranger Carter Taylor.

"While at the Forestry Center you can learn more about the services provided by your Divisions of Forestry, Parks, Mined Land Reclamation, Mineral Resources, Litter Control and Travel Service Divisions of the Department of Conservation and Economic Development", concluded Taylor.

Board Hears Discussion On Annual And Six-Year Plans

At a regular meeting of the Appomattox County School Board on Wednesday, June 7, the superintendent, Lloyd Walton, presented the Annual and Six-Year Division Plans for the period July 1, 1978 through June 30, 1984. These plans will be discussed in more detail at the June 27the meeting. Objectives included in the plans are as follows:

By June, 1979, 90 percent of the students in kindergarten through grade six will demonstrate mastery of basic learning skills, established by the Virginia State Board of Education, as evidenced by teacher observations, teacher-made tests and test provided by State Department of Education.

By November, 1979, an individual educational program shall be planned and implemented for each gifted and talented student as evidenced by a plan in the folder of each student.

By September, 1978, students between the ages of 2 through 21 who are in need of special education services, who reside in the school division, shall be identified and an individual educational program shall be planned for each student as evidenced by records and reports on file in the office of the general supervisor.

By June, 1981, students who graduate from Appomattox County High School will meet minimum requirements for graduation in literacy and computational skills as evidenced by records on file in the school.

By September, 1980, the school division will have alternatives which provide educational program choices for students who cannot profit from the regular school program as evidenced by the program which is in operation.

By September, 1979, the school division shall provide programs which will enable each student, upon leaving school, to continue successfully a program of advanced education or to enter the world of work as evidenced by records on file in the guidance office.

In other business the board approved student fees for 1978-79. Although it was necessary to approve increases in certain student fees for 1978-79, the school board expressed concern about the increases and instructed the administration to keep fees as low as possible. Fees will remain generally unchanged next year except for textbook rentals. The increase will be from $9.00 to $12.00 at the kindergarten through grade two levels. In grades three through eight, the increase will be from $10.00 to $13.00. The per subject rental in grades nine through twelve will increase from $3.50 to $4.00.

Student accident insurance is optional. The program approved by the board for the 1978-79 session will be with Pilot Life. The premium will be $5.00, a fifty cents increase over this year.

Policies which were presented to the board at the May meeting were reviewed and discussed. Action was not taken on the policies at this meeting because the board will give further consideration to the following policies:

Compensatory days granted twelve months employees.

Binding arbitration provision of the grievance procedure which has been declared unconstitutional by the Virginia Supreme Court.

Pay to personnel for unused sick leave who retire from the system with twenty years experience.

These policies will be considered again on June 27th and official action will be taken.

The board discussed with members of the ACEA the 1977-78 program of action. Each item was reviewed with a free exchange of ideas as to progress the board has made toward achieving some of the proposals, others that the board does not approve and still others with which the board agrees but cannot achieve at this time because of funds.

Other action taken by the board included the following:

Reviewed and approved a summer school maintenance program.

Reviewed and approved (after reducing the price of cans of 15c for #303, 20c for #2½ and 45c for #10) the proposed program for the operation of the school canneries for the 1978 season.

If granted permission by the Commonwealth Attorney, the board approved of an auction sale to dispose of some items not needed by the school system.

Approved reimbursement for approved travel by employees of the Appomattox County School Board at a rate of 15c per mile, beginning July 1, 1978.

Approved increasing the daily rate paid substitute teachers from $17.00 to $19.00, effective at the beginning of the 1978-79 session.

Approved an increase from $30 to $35 for the instructor for each student who completes the driver education program. This covers those students who take the program at times not covered under the instructor's regular contract.

Authorized the superintendent to send a letter to the Virginia Association of Counties requesting the organization to negotiate a utility rate with VEPCO.

The board approved employment of the following personnel for the 1978-79 session:

Connie H. Ballard, ACHS, Business education; Audrey E. Berryman, AES, fourth grade; Howard B. Clabough, ACHS, Coaching and PE teacher; Keith L. Maxey, ACHS, Power Mechanics; Katherine E. Riggins, ACHS, Earth Science; Joseph B. Terry, Jr., ACHS, Emotionally Disturbed; and Donna P. Terry, PES, first grade.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27.

78 Calls Answered By Local Rescue Squad In May

During the month of May, volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 78 emergency calls. Fifteen persons were treated for injuries in eleven wrecks and thirteen persons were monitored on the EKG Life Pak V en route to a hospital.

In answering the 78 calls, 443 manhours were spent and members travelled a total of 3,735 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: diabetic, 1; breathing difficulty, 6; spider bite, 1; wrecks, 11; transports by doctor request, 14; maternity, 2; falls, 6; back-up on wreck calls, 2; drowning, 1; heart attack, 5; stroke, 2; illness, 11; industrial accident, 1; broken bones, 2; choking, 1; back injury, 1; overdose, 2; delivered oxygen and hook-up to house, 1; chest pains, 5; hemmorhage, 1; relay, 1; and 1 false call.

In the recent drowning that occured at Holiday Lake, Appomattox members spent 123½ hours participating in the dragging operation and traveled 191 miles.

Date For Catholic Church Services

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church will hold services every Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

All members and guests are invited to attend these services.

AES STUDENTS WIN PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARDS

The sixth grade students at Appomattox Elementary School have been striving to win the Presidential Physical Fitness Award.

The winners are, top row, left to right, Charlene Lewis, Rose Christian, Jay Wingfield, Todd Scruggs, and Harold Vassar; middle row, left to right, Sandra Watkins, Karen Stevens, Kim Shupe, Gwen Moore, and Diane Harvey; and on bottom row, left to right, Jeff Fanney, Emory Woods, Tim Tillery, and Anthony Lovelace.